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Wednesday

~~2 Timothy 1:9~~

Mark 71

According to His Own Purpose and Grace  
Copy verse, 2 Tim, 1:19

Any true Christian finds it difficult to understand why the Lord should

have chosen him for salvation. As he sees the criminal led out to execution,

As he sees the drunkard lying in the gutter, ~~he cannot but say,~~ "Except for the

Grace of God there am I," that is where I would be. There is no good thing

in any one of us except what <sup>is put there by</sup> the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we think we know why <sup>God</sup> He has chosen us, we may be sure that our <sup>reasoning</sup> conclusion is

entirely wrong. ~~It is~~ according to His own purpose and grace ~~that~~ He has chosen <sup>all</sup>

~~those~~ who are saved through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>before the world began,</sup>

God has appointed <sup>all Christians</sup> us as His representatives in this age to carry the

message of salvation in order that His Spirit may use us as His instrument to

lead into His kingdom those whom He has elected to eternal life. What wonder-  
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ful courage it gives us as we go forward, to know that the ~~race~~ is not to the

strong nor the race to the swift, ~~to know that~~ The results are not dependent

upon our effort, <sup>although, of course,</sup> ~~even though~~ it is God's will that <sup>we should strive to make</sup> our efforts ~~should be made~~

~~just~~ as effective as possible. <sup>God's</sup> The results are in ~~His~~ hands. ~~It is~~ <sup>is</sup> all, accord-

ing to His own purpose and grace. ~~God~~ <sup>He</sup> is sovereign. Much that we do not under-

stand today will be made clear ~~in that time~~ when we shall stand before His throne

and shall ~~be like Him~~ <sup>we can see through fall down bow in adoration</sup> for we shall see Him as He is.

<sup>of His marvellous</sup> ~~goodness~~ justice, goodness, and love.

He thinks, "If it were not for ~~who~~ God's grace,